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Together with a Supplement
CODE OF FRIENDSHIP
A Casebook for Toc H, 1963-4
and also
List of Areas and Branches, Home and Overseas

COVER PICTURE: WELL MET: During his recent visit to South Africa, John Callf being met on board ship at Cape Town by Padre E. Bentley Edwards (S. A. Padre) and 'Ossie' Joseph (Toc H Staff).

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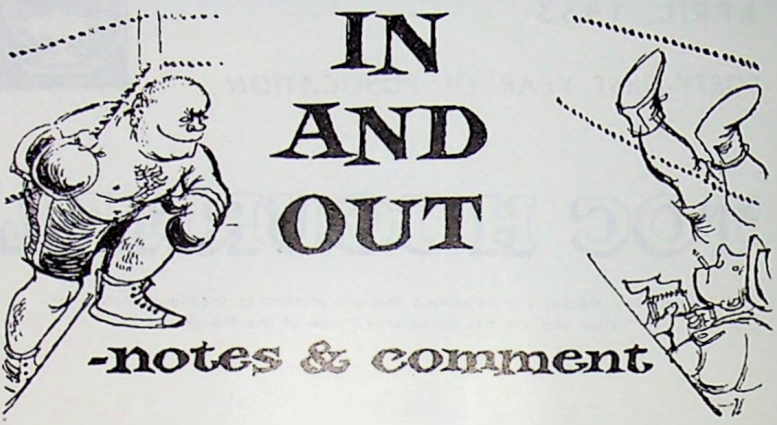

PERSONAL NOTE: On return to the editorial chair after an absence of several months, I would wish to thank our many contributors for ensuring a continuous flow of their essential 'copy' and also for their kind messages of encouragement. Warmest thanks are also due, in no small measure, to Alec Churcher, who took over my job in addition to his many other commitments and, of course, to Joyce Green, who never for a moment allowed the wheels of the Journal Family Coach to stop turning. **CHES**

This Month's Supplement

IT HAS LONG been a tradition that the April issue of the JOURNAL includes, as a Supplement, a copy of the Annual Report to be submitted to the Central Council. This year, instead of the Annual Report readers are being provided with a special booklet *Code of Friendship*, an account of Toc H not limited to the events of the past year but containing a wider survey of the Movement's activities, its methods and aims. Although circulated to JOURNAL readers in the first instance, it has been produced with a far wider circle in mind. Its purpose is to help members in breaking down those barriers of misunderstanding which are far too prevalent in regard to the nature and purpose of Toc H; much more so, to help members to attract into the light that wealth of goodwill which exists and may, however unknowingly, be groping its way towards Toc H. It is confidently anticipated that many readers will find *Code of Friendship* to be a useful tool fashioned to fit their hand, Copies of the Forty-Third Annual Report are also available to readers and can be obtained direct from Headquarters Publications Dept.

HOW DOES anyone apply for membership of Toc H? What is expected of a member? Is Toc H for Christians only? Of course, most readers know the answers to these questions and similar ones likely to be asked by a newcomer — or left unasked because of some misconception over what the Movement is all about. But often when they are forthcoming, the time and place does not always allow for adequate reply. With this in mind, we are glad to draw attention to a newly issued pamphlet *On Joining Toc H*. Pocket-sized, to fit easily into one's wallet, the eight pages cover the introductory ground well and Branches are invited to get a supply for their members' use. They are obtainable from all Area Secretaries or direct from Headquarters Publications Dept., price 3s. per dozen.

For new Friends

ALTHOUGH THERE is no organised Toc H party going to Holland this summer, we have heard from our good friends at Kasteel Oud-Poelgeest at Leyden that, for the twelfth year in succession, they are arranging an international ecumenical European Youth Congress for younger people between the ages of 18 and 30. Last year, forty-five from twelve different countries, including Finns, Greeks and Spaniards, attended the Congress. The date fixed is July 17–29, and the chosen theme "Life in the home of mankind" (the world) which should cover enough ground to suit everyone. Apart from talks and discussions, there will be ample opportunities for fun, music, excursions and the like. The total cost for those wishing to attend the Congress has been fixed at £8 excluding excursions, and further details can be had by writing direct to: Miss H. Th. Dake, "Oud-Poelgeest", Oegstgeest, Holland.

Dutch Invitation

A PLAN FOR arranging cross-country races for members of uniformed youth organisations was thought up by Bill Bassham, of Norton-on-Tees Branch. With the Branch's backing and help from the local Harriers' Association entries were invited for both Junior (12-15 yrs.) and Senior (16-18 yrs.) teams. The response was most encouraging and all expenses, including the cost of shields and certificates, were met by the modest entrance fee charges. Teeside District Team welcomed and recommended the idea to its Branches and already West Hartlepool has arranged races, while Acklam Branch have undertaken to do so. This idea might well spread further afield and Branches interested should write for details how to set about organising similar race meetings direct to: W. Bassham, 48 Collens Avenue, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees.

Cross-country Racing

Conversation Piece

COLIN CAMPBELL

CODE OF FRIENDSHIP? Whatever's happened to the Annual Report this year? There's quite a new look about it.

There's a new look about many things in Toc H today and we don't want to keep it to ourselves. So the Annual Report has been split into two distinct parts, the COUNCIL REPORT and the JOURNAL REPORT. You could say that the one is for internal consumption and the other for external application.

But there's only one of them with this April JOURNAL, *isn't there?*

That's the intention for the future. The Council Report will go direct to Central Councillors for the Branches they represent; this is only logical since it is the report which the Central Executive has to put before the Central Council each year with the accounts of the Corporation. It will confine itself to a bare factual review of the year.

I suppose this supplement must be what you call the Journal Report then? But what do you mean by "external application"?

Have you been in the habit of passing on your JOURNAL or the Annual Report? Have you passed anything on to your neighbours and colleagues or felt it was up to you to make Toc H better known? You should, you know, and if we're going to arrive at the Jubilee year of 1965 with double our present membership and free from financial restraint you'll have to get a move on, won't you?

Oh! I see. You mean that when we've read the Journal Report—Code of Friendship, is it—we should use it to interest our friends. What about spare copies for the Extension Team or our Builders' Secretary?

You can get more copies from H.Q. while they last at 1s. each, including postage, or 7s. 6d. a dozen, and of course it's only this year's report that is called *Code of Friendship*. There'll be another one next year and each year after that, all good topical stuff presented in lively fashion. But *Code of Friendship* doesn't do your job for you; it just gives a few illustrations of how Toc H works in various contexts and points out a few significant trends of the day. Every member, from his own experience, can and should relate it to what goes on locally so it ought to be used personally and not just dropped on folk anonymously. Put your own name and address in it for reference before you hand it over.

Maybe you've got something there.

Well, now YOU have. I hope you'll wear it out in the next twelve months though. Good hunting!

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per pro Builders

TED TUNNADINE

THE AREA Secretary 'phoned one Tuesday morning recently to let me know I had volunteered as Toc H Builders' Secretary for the West Midlands Area. I suppose if one voices opinions too strongly one inevitably gets landed with a job to do.

Our Builders are very important to us and we are apt sometimes to forget that behind the amazing total of £12,700 subscribed annually to the Family Purse stand seven thousand grand people enthusiastically encouraging the spread of the work of Toc H. Their names are given to the Branch Secretaries concerned, and we can get nearer to them and keep their interest and support fresh by regular personal visits and passing on Branch news.

But, what of new Builders and how do we, as members, view our responsibility for enrolling more of them?

Firstly, are we proud enough of Toc H?, are we sure of it?, do we really believe it is a way of life through which our Christian beliefs can find expression? If our answers are positive we must see to it that all our friends and acquaintances, both domestically and at work, are made aware how vital it is to us. The important point is to declare our membership, by wearing the Badge at all times and demonstrating our faith in this Movement of ours. Don't be apologetic, Toc H is a good thing, outward looking, honest, successful and second to none.

Next, our enthusiasm, maybe over quite a little job, should be contagious. A friend's support, however small, for something we are doing will deepen his sympathy and understanding for the work of the whole of Toc H.

Finally, it is but a step to invite the new Builder to sign up and pay up. Tact coupled with initiative is needed of course, but remember we are 'selling' something first-rate, and all the financial support we can gain for Toc H will speed its progress.

In conclusion please do not forget the new Builder, he's now part of the family. Your efforts got him—only your further efforts will suffice to keep him. Retain his interest by calling on him to give him his JOURNAL, to ask his occasional help, to invite him to a 'do,' or merely to say 'hello.' Letters or 'phone calls are adequate up to a point but a personal call is infinitely better and makes him feel he really 'belongs.'

Postscript

Deeds of Covenant are not so frightening and do not 'involve' people in signing away their birthright! They are simple in form, of no cost, and serve to increase our income enormously. Your new Builder will appreciate the idea of Toc H being able to recover some of the Income Tax he has already paid on his income especially if you can say that your own Branch or member's contribution is covenanted.

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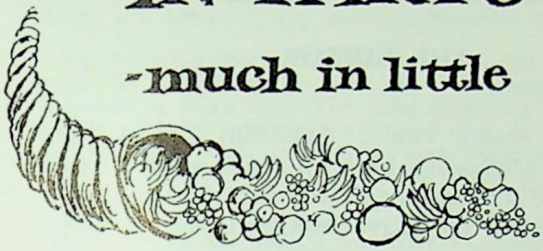

TUBBY. During April the Founder Padre will continue his tour of visits for discussions with Branch and District Officers in East Midlands Area.

The Rev. COLIN CUTTELL was instituted by the Bishop of London as Vicar of All Hallows on March 19 and accordingly resigned his appointment as Toc H Field Commissioner.

F. G. CHESWORTH. 'Ches', Editor of the Toc H Journal, has made a good recovery from his recent illness and has now taken up the JOURNAL 'reins' once more. Our thanks to Alec Churcher for his work as Acting Editor while Ches was away.

DR. SAMUEL MATHAI, the Hon. Commissioner of Toc H India, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Kerala University. He has therefore moved south from Delhi to Trivandrum, Major Sam Rasalam's home town.

JOHN DESSAUER and TOM HOPKINS are young Australians who arrived in England some weeks ago. During their stay they will see a lot of Toc H and meet many members in various parts of the country. They will be present at the Central Council Weekend.

BRANCHES are urged to invite their Councillors without delay to tell them about the Annual Meeting of the Central Council which takes place on April 20 and 21. Its outcome is likely to include much that will concern Branch life and calls for discussion.

"ON JOINING TOC H". This new leaflet which is intended to be used by prospective members is now available. (See announcement in "IN AND OUT" in this issue.)

Towards Unity

THE EDITOR

FOR SEVEN YEARS, twelve Anglicans and a similar number of Methodists have sat round a table together examining and discussing the differences which divide their two Churches. Now, they have published their conclusions and recommendations in a report *Conversations between the Church of England and the Methodist Church* (Church of England Information Office and Epworth Press, 3*s*. 6*d*.) saying that they have "travelled too far along the road to unity ever to want to turn back."

Minority statement

The report is not unanimous, for there is a minority statement signed by four of the Methodists. Dr. BARRETT, Professor of Divinity at Durham University, one of its four signatories has said in a statement:

> It must be clearly understood that what is involved in the proposals in the majority report is not merely the relabelling of Methodist chairmen of districts but the full acceptance of the historic Episcopate, which includes the belief that the Church of the present day is linked with the Church of the Apostles and that the sign of this is a continuing succession of bishops. This idea is very bad history, and worse theology.

The vision

The vision of the main report, however, is of two strong Churches growing together into unity. Various "safeguards and reassurances" are given. Methodists would not have to adopt the Book of Common Prayer. The relations of intercommunion which Methodists at present have with other non-episcopal Churches would remain intact at the first stage, in the hope that by the time the second stage is reached conversations between the Anglicans and the

other Free Churches will be leading towards "an ultimate organic union that will be wider than we have yet conceived." The dissentient statement also looks, more cautiously, to eventual reunion.

Here are some of the early comments on the report:

Dr. TOMKINS, Bishop of Bristol—I welcome it very much as a basis for very careful and full consideration in our two churches at every level. The most important thing now is that people shall be interested in it and read it. We must all take our time and really be sure we understand what is being suggested. A couple of years is by no means too long for this.

Reverend J. H. GRIFFITHS, secretary of the Welsh Methodist Synod—Welsh Methodists will have to consider their position in relation to the Church in Wales, which is quite distinct from the Church of England. The Welsh Methodist churches cannot unite with the Church of England when we have a Church in Wales.

Right Reverend GEORGE SINKER, Provost of Birmingham—This is the finest opportunity we have had since we turned John Wesley out of the Church of England. It is magnificent, and I hope we shall make the most of it.

Reverend E. BENSON PERKINS, former joint secretary of the World Methodist Council—It would be a mistake to think that it [the report] will be readily or immediately accepted. From many points of view it will cause grave concern to many Methodists. I am not suggesting that the proposals will ultimately be rejected, but they will require not months but years of discussion.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF WALES, Dr. Edwin Morris—As the proposals closely affect the Church in Wales and the Episcopal Church of Scotland it would have been more courteous if representatives of these self-governing churches had been brought into the conversations. The acceptance of these proposals would require the Church in Wales to make far-reaching changes in its constitution.

Reverend A. J. GEDYE, warden of John Wesley's Chapel, Bristol (the oldest Methodist chapel in the world)—What has been achieved in only 50 years is an absolute miracle, and we have to go on. It is no good simply saying that we are one. There must be organic union, and here are some practical ideas that will break through all the old difficulties.

Mr. JAMES BARWELL, chairman, Birmingham Diocesan Committee of the Church Union—This is the sort of thing we have been praying for for years. If this leads ultimately to a real reunion of Christendom, we must thank God for it.

FAR CRY
-overseas notes

Contributed by GEOFF MARTIN

Personal Commentary

ANYONE WHO scans the Overseas Magazines month by month is likely to acquire a rough and ready idea of the political and social background of a country as well as the condition of Toc H there. But there are quite a large number of other members in various parts of the world who battle on in isolation, retaining their jobs and their convictions in the face of considerable discouragement. The encouragement which comes from a sense of belonging to the wider family of Toc H is dependent upon the JOURNAL and occasional letters. Here, for instance, is an extract from such a member, very much on his own in the Argentine. It is good that we should know how they view life from their particular situation.

Events during the year 1962 have very fortunately been far away from Mendoza, although as you can imagine their effects did not take long to reach us. The whole country is in the midst of a crisis, which I feel is probably far more of a moral nature than a financial one. Everything that has been asked of the population over the last six years has been take philosophically, but at the end another change of policy, and someone else comes in and says that things are as bad as possible, and we are all asked to

sacrifice some more. I am the last to complain if a sacrifice is to be worthwhile, but everyone here now feels that the time has come to stop the drain, wherever that drain may be. It is not easy to explain to the average workman that the country is so heavily in debt that no amount of money going into the treasury is enough to pay. Now we are to have elections for a complete renewal of authorities. Let us pray God to guide the electors, and the elected, to do the right thing for once. Frankly, I feel we are very close to the state of affairs in Cuba.

Apology Accepted

It is unfair to use "Far Cry" to publicise accounts or summarise an annual report. That is why we apologise for doing so. In any case the figures quoted are not those of an auditor although they are correct; it is simply that they have been condensed and presented in a form intended to emphasise certain things. The year is 1962; the subject matter, Talbot House, Poperinge.

Expenditure	£	*Income*	£
Repairs/Renewals	548	Billeting receipts	496
Cost of Publications ..... (in addition to large stock already held)	31	Donations	162
		Contributed by "Friends of the Old House".....	186
Everything else .... (wages, heating, garden, etc.)	970	Sale of publications	159
		Income from investments	568
In hand	22		
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That item of £548 for repairs, for instance, includes a full scale operation in the library on the second floor: the plaster ceiling and walls were in very poor shape and had to be pulled down and the whole inside rebuilt. Billeting receipts at 8s. a day give an idea of the number of people who stayed there during the summer season. The "Friends" are simply a body of members who have a special interest in the House and whose subscriptions of 5s. a year have been used largely for replacing old furniture. In this way Talbot House has been practically refurnished during the last few years, at no cost to the Family Purse.

Included in the sale of publications are the three series of transparencies of Talbot House, which are good value for money and have therefore gone like hot cakes.

Through the initiative of one of our Poperinge friends the Minister of Education in Brussels has printed a page-long article on Toc H in one of the official news letters which are circulated to all the schools in Belgium and Luxembourg. Already some headmasters are asking how they can bring small parties of senior pupils to hobnob with young British students at Talbot House, so where we go from here time will show. The possibilities are at least exciting to contemplate—and to grapple with.

Stirring the mixture

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FROM ALL PARTS

-area news

BEDS. & HERTS.

During February we were pleased to welcome Johnnie MacMillan, Western Area Secretary from Bristol in our midst, and I know he made a lasting impression on all who met him. Firstly, at our week-end at Diocesan House, St. Albans, where although overnight numbers were down, the overall number of thirty attending was better than last year. The sessions which Johnnie led, and the groups on "The Relevance of Toc H Today" were a great success—except perhaps on the Sunday afternoon, when those like myself with long car journeys home ahead, gazed apprehensively as the snow piled up outside. All the same a very worthwhile time was had by all.

The next day we were delighted to finally lay the bogey that we couldn't stage an Area Guest-night, with Johnnie in first class form setting light to the gathering at BLETCHLEY. Even the Editor of the local paper said how pleased he was that at last someone was prepared to say something about Toc H so that for one night at least, the light wasn't hidden beneath a bushel. Full marks go to Bletchley for staging this event with the support of NORTH BUCKS District—in a bright well appointed hall—no stage—a semi-circle of chairs, seventy or so of them, excellent refreshments before and after (in fact from 7 p.m. until nearly eleven!) but what is much more important so many lively guests.

On Sunday, April 28, we will welcome back Padre John Jones, an old friend of the Area of, dare I say it?, the war days. He will be coming to BIGGLESWADE where the Branch is taking endless pains to stage an Area Family Day for all our own units, W.A. members, and families and friends.

RAY FABES.

NOTTS. AND DERBY

A mile and a half from Awsworth in Nottinghamshire is the little village of Babbington. A narrow unsurfaced track which ends at the village is the only approach to it. There is a population of seventy-two from school children to old age pensioners. Although the village has electricity, there is no 'bus service, no public telephone and no main sewer, neither is there a church or public hall.

Eight or nine of the men of Babbington got together and decided that something should be done in the way of service to the community although such attempts in the past had resulted in wrangling and dissension. It was felt that something more than a tenants' or ratepayers' association was required, something based on fellowship and a fairminded understanding of the problems. So it was that they approached Toc H with a view to starting a unit.

Toc H members from the Area have twice met these men in the kitchen of one of the cottages and the meetings have been marked by enthusiasm. Plans are being made to purchase a disused *signal box* and to re-erect it on an available plot in the village for use as a meeting room.

The Area feels that Babbington are on the *right lines* and will do everything to *coach* them in their Toc H *train*ing!

BILL HARRIS.

MONMOUTHSHIRE

Over a hundred members and friends attended the MONMOUTHSHIRE Division Service of Thanksgiving and Christmas Party. At the afternoon Service, in which all the Monmouthshire Branches took part, we were asked by Kenneth Solly, an Area member, to look backwards over 1962 and look forward to 1963 refreshed by the benefit of our experiences. A buffet tea, prepared by the Newport W.A. members, was awaiting us after the Service and we all shared in a general get-together, mixing with guests and friends before the evening's programme.

We met friends from the Border Counties—members from Cheltenham, Weston-super-Mare, Penarth, Barry and many from the Rhymney Valley and Cardiff Districts. 167 gift parcels were brought as each person attending was asked to bring one. We also had fourteen from Hereford Branch who were unable to attend, and Barry W.A. Branch sent cash and 30 lb. of apples, all for the Newport old folks.

The Division Chairman, Jack Sexon, was our Chairman for the evening. Ellis Lewis, Newport Branch Chairman, was our conductor and Jim Bond gave a short introduction to the carols. Each Monmouthshire Branch put on its own "Party Effort" which was very entertaining, and Homegoing Prayers were led by Peter Orford. Monmouthshire are asking for a further get-together—our theme is "to visit" and "get visited."

KEN WRIGHT.

SCOTLAND

Snow, ice and blizzard did their best to isolate the Borders from the rest of the country, but within the small towns of this part of the country, life went on unabated.

JEDBURGH Branch, demonstrating their sympathy and interest in the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' invited representatives from the Presbyterian, the Anglican and the Roman Catholic Churches to give their views on the subject of Christian Unity. A most instructive and stimulating evening resulted with the members of the various persuasions learning a little more of each other and, through such personal contact, contributing towards the realisation that we are but 'One Family,' despite the artificial barriers which we ourselves have so often produced.

R. Martin, Jedburgh

Break for a meal at an old people's entertainment arranged by Jedburgh members.

For many years past they have done yeoman service with the local 'Veterans' Club' who have full use of the Branch rooms each day of the week when not otherwise required by the Branch itself. An annual Burns Supper was held for the benefit of members of the Veterans' Club, some 26 of whom defied the elements to be present. A traditional meal was followed by a rousing night's entertainment when the old folk were really made to feel that they were really enjoying a 'Nicht wi' Burns.'

Following this successful evening, the Branch got together with the local Women's Club to run a concert for the O.A.P. in and around Jedburgh. Those elderly folk living outside Jedburgh were brought in by Toc H members and friends with cars and an evening's entertainment ranging from Scottish Country Dancing to Ventriloquism was enjoyed by approximately 100 old folk.

DICK MARTIN.

OXFORD AND THAMES VALLEY

Some sixty or so members and their wives, including the Area Padre and his wife, recently attended the annual dinner of the WEXHAM District at the Thames Hotel, Windsor. It was also the occasion for the District to say farewell and Godspeed to one of its former Central Councillors, Alf Hine, and his wife. Alf, on his retirement from work, leaves the district to live at Wroxham.

After an excellent dinner, the gathering enjoyed some first class entertainment arranged by Len Searfe of the Chalfonts Branch. This included Morris dancing by the Datchet Morris Men and jazz played on the piano by Padre Bailey, also of Chalfonts Branch.

These dinners are excellent social occasions and provide a grand opportunity for extending the fellowship in Toc H. We shall now look forward to the annual dinner of the Desborough (Joint) District which will probably be held in Marlow in May.

DERICK PARSONS.

WESTERN

CHIPPENHAM District are looking forward to welcoming their first Joint unit into the Family, the group at Greathouse, the Cheshire Home, near Chippenham, have applied for Branch status.

GLOUCESTER District are making arrangements for further ways of using the new friends they have made in the city. Many of these are still in contact with old people whom they have taken out for car rides. It is planned to have an outing to Dor Knap, and as there are some 150 car owners involved, several outings may have to be organised.

The VALE OF AVALON extension at Wells goes from strength to strength. Even the ice, snow and fog has not prevented their meeting and a number of new people have come along.

The Area had a very good week-end at Dor Knap and though the snow was deep and the weather cold, the warm welcome from George and Dorothy made the journey well worth while. Tons of snow were moved and much necessary water carried to the tank. All taking part agreed that it was most enjoyable and recommend a winter week-end to other Areas. Some of our senior members attending enjoyed the company of younger ones and we hope will be encouraged to make greater efforts to contact the younger men. It can be done!

BRISTOL District look forward to meeting and hearing Geoff Perkins, formerly of Durdham Down Branch, who is home on leave from Itu. Geoff will speak and show slides on the work of BELRA. The Bristol Fair has had a set-back in that the Hall we had hoped to get is not now available, but the Committee are determined to go on and it is now hoped to have a Garden Party in the grounds of the Royal Asylum School for the Blind, in the summer.

The University group held its A.G.M. and the new Chairman for next year will be a woman student. All attending this business

like meeting were encouraged and interested to hear of how much service is done by the sixty-odd members of the group. Two or three of its members are looking forward to speaking about Toc H to students at Leicester University and hope that the result will be a similar grouping. JOHNNIE MACMILLAN.

EAST ANGLIA

There is absolutely no truth in the rumour that COLCHESTER Branch is some sort of secret society. Toc H, like so many things in Britain's oldest recorded town, has a long history. The Branch celebrated its 25th anniversary by holding a dinner at which Tubby, who was guest of honour, was in fine fettle and gave us a lot to think about and work on. Over a hundred members and friends were present and guests included the Mayor, Councillor Porter, and the Mayoress, and also Sir John and Lady Greaves.

It has been realised for some time that publicity was a weak point with Colchester Branch. It dawned even more clearly when the February JOURNAL arrived and our Silver Jubilee was not even mentioned. No one had sent in a report! There was a brief reference in the local press however. The Branch members, and also the W.A. members do a lot of work in the usual sort of Toc H jobs, but not the sort which hit the headlines very often.

DENYS RENDELL.

NORTHERN LONDON

Amongst the London branches which have been copying the Uxbridge technique for adding to their strength (reported in the JOURNAL for March, 1962) is EDMONTON. Last August the Branch closed down for the holidays, but a small Committee met at frequent intervals for planning. After individual letters had been sent out to a number of friends and acquaintances, Cyril Cattell was the speaker at a special Guest-night. The Branch now has four enthusiastic probationers with several others described as "quite warm contacts."

The Branch Jobby may have started something big when he produced a list of nearly two hundred aged people who had attended the annual Old Folks' Party and suggested that some of them needed more than a party every now and again. The list is being combed to sift out those who are in reasonable home conditions and the others—the really lonely ones—are being visited by Branch members. It is intended that some half-dozen lonely old folk will in due course be allocated to each Branch member for regular visiting.

Other activities springing from increased strength include helping the local committee of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, the Branch representatives being the Chairman and a probationer—a good mixture; and the adopting of a twelve-year-old boy suffering from leprosy in Eastern Nigeria.

MAYNE ELSON.

NORTHERN

From April 1, the District Teams in the Area take over the responsibilities and some of the powers of the Area Executive in the experiment of the New Leadership. A small mobile Area Team replaces the Area Executive and a closer partnership between Area and District will be the keynote of the experiment. TEESIDE District held their annual week-end at Brockley Hall, Saltburn, when some sixty members and their families gathered together. The District took part in the Freedom from Hunger Week in MIDDLESBROUGH at the end of March. A member of NORTH ORMESBY Branch produces soup for local old people through the collection of bones and tins of soup: a welcome effort in the present freeze-up. Guisborough group are helping towards the establishment of a Meals-on-Wheels service and also a local Council of Social Service. MARK XVIII Newcastle, has re-established contact with the Wellesley Nautical School at Blyth and interchange visits have already been made. It is likely that weekly contact will be maintained between the two places. Preliminary investigations look promising for getting a unit going in St. Anthony's, Newcastle. Though there is no recognised group there yet, members in South Shields are undertaking "Personal Service to an Elderly Citizen in the town" under the auspices of the local Welfare Committee. DARLINGTON Branch, together with branches of the Women's Association, have long been running a loneliness campaign. This, also, first started in co-operation with the local Welfare Department. All told, 25 lonely people are being visited at various frequencies. LES WHEATLEY.

WEST MIDLANDS

On two Saturdays in January and February, WALSALL Branch opened the doors of a disused shop in the market place, to sell tinned and prepacked goods given by local shop-keepers, in order to raise money for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign Fund.

Prior to the opening dates, Branch members had been busily engaged in writing letters to, and collecting goods from, the local shop-keepers. Although one hundred and twenty letters were written asking for support, the response did not live up to expectations. It must be said, however, that many who gave, did so very generously.

Selling the goods proved quite an entertaining job, and brought out many hidden qualities in our members. Some comments by both vendors and purchasers are worthy of note:

"It *looks* genuine," one would-be buyer was heard to remark. "First class food this, madam," said one of our salesmen. "Normal price of this article 6d., but to you 9d.!"

We were given first class support in this venture by both the Mayor and Mayoress, who visited the shop, and also the local press. The net proceeds of the campaign amounted to £60. Caveat emptor! M. J. BULLOCK.

Cornish and Devon Post

On behalf of Launceston Youth Club Miss Beryl Fice presents two electric fires to R. Bromell for the use of Launceston Branch.

LINCOLNSHIRE

The usual connotation applied to the old saying that "They're dead but they won't lie down" is of an old weak unit which refuses to hand in its Lamp of its own accord. Thank goodness there are many defunct units and lapsed members who from time to time, whilst considered as dead as a Dodo, take us by surprise. Tours made by Sydney Swain over the past two years have shown an incredible number of lapsed members who have been only too eager to accept the opportunity of finding a place again as Builders within the Family.

Over ten years ago, at one meeting of the Bardney Branch, since closed, one item of business concerned the setting up of a local Horticultural Society. The Branch sponsored the Society which now rightly claims to be one of the largest and most successful village Societies of its kind in the County, with several ex-Branch members now Officers of the Society and General Members of Toc H. We know of so many instances throughout the country as well as in Lincolnshire where men, upon the closure of their unit have gone on to give valued leadership to the community in some other field of service. It is so very easy for existing units to attempt to bury, with or without ceremony, closing Branches or lapsing members. It is a wise unit that keeps "the ashes" set upon the mantelpiece and ever in mind.

Something more alive, however, is the association between the STAMFORD Branch and the lads of the Stamford School who call themselves the "Action Group." This group of school-lads have

assisted the Branch in many ways, none more enthusiastically than that of delivering firewood during the recent cold spell to the local elderly and housebound. In the process the lads discovered many old folk whose water pipes were frozen so that they were without sufficient water to even brew themselves the welcome "cuppa." The lads immediately set-to and organised an emergency water supply.

Old folk; young folk; active units; closed units; active members; General Members; Builders; friends; and even lapsed members . . . call them what you will, but the overriding factor is that they are all still part of the Family in action, and foolish is the man or unit who thinks of the Family only in terms of his own unit and his own Branch members. The aim in Lincolnshire is in creating virile yet elastic links between all those prepared to share their time and talents for the common good of all.

GEORGE LEE.

EASTERN LONDON

For several years BRENTWOOD Branch have organised a summer outing for blind people from their own town and, with the co-operation of other Branches, have extended their invitation to Blind Clubs in neighbouring localities. This year they felt that they would like to do something for their blind friends during the winter months. They decided that, for the winter event, they would not extend their invitation beyond their own town, but include the old folk as well as the blind. They collected the names of old and blind people from various clubs and committees and put on a concert for about two hundred guests. A Male Voice Choir was invited to give the concert and was rewarded with one of the most appreciative audiences they had ever entertained.

JIM GREEN.

DOR KNAP

By the time this is in print Spring will, we hope, be "bursting out all over." At the moment our first party of 1963, from Western Area, have cleared valleys between the mountains of snow to park their cars and the new (second-hand) Dormobile. You can still have a free roller-coaster ride up the front drive or along from the Homesteads. Another valiant band are carting water in churns and bins from Mrs. Roberts' lodge and filling up the tank which has not had any supply since Boxing Day. Till last week George has carried up our shopping from the village by rucksack, but has grown no slimmer in the process.

However, we have had plenty of fuel and food, music, and odd jobs of decorating, mending, etc., and are still on speaking terms and quite cosy. We have got to know our neighbours at the farm homesteads much better and the fox has called on us several times but we have missed him.

The expression "White as the driven snow" is *out*. Have you ever tried melting it? Looking forward to a glorious summer.

GEORGE AND DOROTHY ATKINSON.

Elder Brethren

'With proud thanksgiving . . .'

ANDERSON.—On February 6, JOSEPH ANDERSON, aged 71, a member of Murton Branch. Elected 22.1.'52.

BARTHOLOMEUSZ.—On June 4, Dr. FRANK BARTHOLOMEUSZ, late Medical Supt., Leperasylum, Hendala, Ceylon; a member of Colombo Branch. Elected 28.4.'38.

BISHOP.—On February 5, CHARLES BISHOP, aged 70, a founder member of Combe Martin Branch. Elected 29.9.'34.

BONIFACE.—On January 18, HERBERT S. BONIFACE, aged 42, a founder member of Bebington Branch. Elected 17.7.'53.

BREWIN.—On November 25, ALFRED J. BREWIN, aged 68, a founder member of Prestatyn Branch. Elected 21.5.'35.

BROOKS.—Suddenly, on January 24, WILLIAM FRANCIS BROOKS ('Brookie'), aged 78, a Southern Area members. Elected 16.4.'35.

CHAPPLE.—On January 17, WILLIAM JOHN CHAPPLE, aged 52, a member of Ferndown Branch. Elected 1.5.'47.

CHAUNCY.—Suddenly, on January 21, CHARLES F. CHAUNCY, aged 62, a member of Farnham Branch. Elected 2.5.'38.

CRAPP.—On February 7, CECIL G. CRAPP, aged 53, a member of Saltash Branch. Elected 31.12.'48.

ELLIOTT.—On January 23, the Rev. ARTHUR CHARLES ELLIOTT, aged 73, a Southern Area member. Elected 1.7.'20.

FARRANCE.—On January 2, ERNEST FARRANCE, aged 93, a former member of South Ashford Branch. Elected 28.9.'31.

HAYDEN.—On November 10, CECIL JOHN HAYDEN, aged 56, a member of Chilham Branch. Elected 28.5.'56.

INGALL.—On February 2, CHARLES WILLIAM INGALL, aged 72, a member of Loughton Branch. Elected 16.9.'46.

JANSZ.—On October 4, THOMAS JANSZ, a member of Colombo Branch. Elected 7.10.'31.

JARRED.—On January 6, CYRIL ARTHUR JARRED, aged 58, a member of Goole Branch. Elected 28.9.'60.

PONTEFRACT.—On January 10, ERNEST NOEL PONTEFRACT ('Ponty'), aged 63, a founder member of Mark IV Branch. Elected 18.3.'35.

ROGERS.—Suddenly, on February 19, RICHARD THOMAS ROGERS, aged 66, a member of Hunstanton Branch. Elected 9.3.'43.

SCRAFTON.—On January 20, THOMAS P. SCRAFTON, aged 84, a member of North Shields Branch. Elected 30.8.'32.

STONE.—On January 24, CHARLES STONE, aged 79, a member of Chandlers Ford Branch. Elected 16.7.'57.

THOMAS.—On December 26, the Rev. WILLIAM DAVID THOMAS, aged 88, a founder member of Congleton Branch. Elected 8.1.'32.

WALTON.—In January, JAMES GLADSTONE WALTON, a member of Darlington Branch. Elected 5.1.'39.

In Memoriam

THOMAS FRANCIS WHITTLE

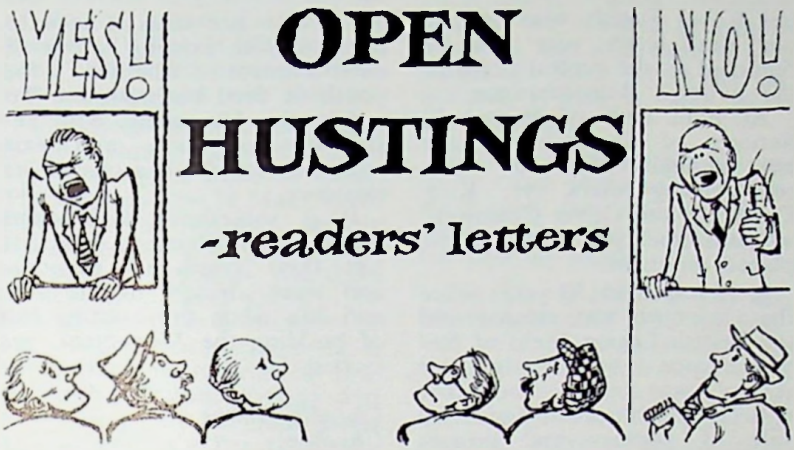
The Reverend T. W. N. Forster writes: 'Jock' Whittle, whose death was recorded in the November issue of the JOURNAL, was an old boy of Liverpool College. Just too young to have served with the Forces in World War I, he came into Toc H early on the formation of the Liverpool Branch as the outcome of a get-together in a café in Lime Street attended by Tubby in the early 1920s. 'Jock' became Branch Secretary and continued in that office faithfully, energetically and enthusiastically for many a year thereafter.

Branch headquarters were in a loft above a disused stable in Chesnut Street. Here one of our happier jobs was the provision of a Christmas breakfast for underprivileged youngsters of the neighbourhood. Our motto was "let 'em all come" and we stayed up half the night on Christmas Eve making our preparations for the feast. In this enterprise 'Jock' and his young wife were willing leaders.

When he married, 'Jock' set up house in Childwall Road. One of life's brighter memories is the hospitality I frequently enjoyed there with a delightful and warm-hearted couple. Often we would walk home together after Branch meetings, animatedly keeping the conversational pot a-boiling and hearing the chimes at midnight.

Frank Whittle was to me a warm-hearted, sympathetic and generous friend and of the Liverpool Branch a king-pin in his day. I shall miss him, as I am sure will others.

Don't say brown
– say Hovis



OPEN HUSTINGS

-readers' letters

The Editor welcomes letters on all matters concerning Toc H and asks that they be written briefly and to the point. Effort is made to include a representative selection, and they are printed as individual view-points, not necessarily those of the Movement as a whole.

Past and Future

H. J. HIGH'S letter (Open Hustings, *February*) was written to "provoke further correspondence," so may I, as a younger member, comment on his second question?

Firstly, whether such a move as having an upper age limit/retiring age in Toc H would encourage young people to join is absolutely irrelevant. Such a move is a complete and utter contradiction of one of the fundamentals of Toc H 'beliefs'—that of a complete mixture of all countries, classes, creeds, *ages*, etc.

Secondly, I have taken quite a few friends of my age (18-21 years) along to meetings, but they have not joined. Why not? Not because of the age gap, but because

(a) The Ceremony of Light seems to many out of place and outdated.

(b) The amount of useless, boring backchat and small talk in many meetings is immense, and this rankles.

No! No retiring age. Just study the form of your unit meetings. And, please, many more corporate jobs if you want young people. The service aspect is too dormant in many places.

DON WILDE.

Nottingham.

H. J. HIGH poses the question "Does Remembrance Sunday have any meaning or real purpose today?"

I suppose it would be fair to say that the Cenotaph in Whitehall attended by H.M. the Queen and other members of

our Royal Family who honour our dead each year can be regarded as the central point of the nation's Remembrance.

At both ends of Whitehall, Services of Remembrance are held annually after 300 years to opposing rulers, viz: King Charles I and Oliver Cromwell, whose statues still have wreaths placed on them.

It is less than 50 years since the Cenotaph was erected and the British Legion Field of Remembrance, by Westminster Abbey, was commenced. This collects much-needed funds by sale of poppies and crosses made by disabled ex-Servicemen of both twentieth century wars.

Yes, Remembrance Day, in the opinion of a humble Toc H Builder and unwounded ex-Serviceman of both wars, still has a meaning in 1963.

DONOVAN D. MICHELL.
London, S.E.19.

TO SCRAP Remembrance Sunday is equivalent to abolishing the Ceremony of Light, whether in the present setting or any suggested revision. To forget the extreme sacrifice of the Elder Brethren, military or civil, is unthinkable. The real purpose of Public Parades is the measure of sincerity which is overwhelming. The question of medals and uniform is immaterial.

Toc H is a family and the question of age is therefore not a matter for retirement or fixing an age limit of membership. It is not correct to assert that youth is bypassing the Movement. Most progressive Branches will and do comprise a mixture of all ages and function remarkably well. Toc H is not a club nor does it seek to compete with existing salons of entertainment whether for youth or tired businessmen. To saddle the Movement with restrictions of entry and exit would defeat the reasons of its existence.

It is sometimes overlooked that the early founders of Toc H left their youth in Flanders and were already in the 20's and 30's when the exciting job of building the Movement was started.

BILL CAPPER.
Cheadle Hulme.
Cheshire.

Singing

HOW right Robert Grey is. Singing certainly is dying out of our Movement. How seldom one discovers a unit where the old custom of community singing is still found to be a "creator and an expression of fellowship."

It is for this reason the *Toc H Song Book* is no longer on the stocks. There is no point in spending good money and giving storage space to publications which will gather the dust of years owing to the lack of demand.

Is it not possible that we are taking ourselves just a little too seriously as a movement of "Do-gooders"? Might not an infusion of joyful abandon be a good restorative? Recently the London Toc H Male Voice Choir were wishing Tubby God-speed on his retirement from active duty at All Hallows. Singing naturally featured in the proceedings, and one of the most vociferous as soloist and chorus member was Tubby himself. For those who have not tried it in their Branches I

can heartily recommend a bout of singing, especially the well-known (?) Toc H ditties, as a good cure for depression, overwork, frustration and old age!

For those who are too young to be aware of the traditional Toc H songs a word of cheer. The London Toc H Male Voice Choir, which is very heavily committed to a programme of concerts in hospitals, old folks homes etc., will shortly be putting on tape a number of the better known songs. It is hoped that units will be prepared to purchase a copy and revive what in the past came as naturally to a Toc H Branch as breathing. With the aid of such a tape the old and valuable art of community enjoyment, harmonious or otherwise, may be revived and the *Toc H Song Book* roll off the presses once again to satisfy an increased demand.

For the sake of sanity let us all lift our voices in song and stop offering self-conscious excuses for not occasionally letting our hair down.

If I might be permitted a "plug", there are already two tapes available of the Toc H Choir at H.Q., one of which is of carols and is of use for outside relaying when "canned" music must take the place of the real thing.

JIMMY NEILLY.
East Barnet, Herts.

'Below the Surface'

THE article "Below the Surface" by Jim Green (February JOURNAL) contains a useful summary of factors given by Branches as reasons for their success. It is strange that not one Branch mentions cheerfulness, good humour, laughter or a sense of fun. It could be that with them it is so natural a thing as to be unnoticed. I wish it were so in every Branch.

Branch meetings often seem to be much more solemn occasions than they used to be. I wonder why. Have we forgotten how to laugh?

The Toc H JOURNAL provides meaty news and solid information but no lighter features to aid digestion. How long is it since we saw something in these pages which made us chuckle? Have we no contributors who can write a humorous tale or draw a nonsense cartoon? Or do such trivialities find their way into the Editor's waste-paper basket?

This solemnness could be a sign of our increased average age. On the other hand it may be the cause of it.

VIC BROWN.
Far Cotton Branch, Northampton.

Contact Maintained

WE are trying out a new system in this Branch to create more interest locally and to keep a monthly contact with members we rarely see at meetings. One of our members is calling each month on all members (they are fairly scattered and some live eight miles from the Branch) and he gives them a JOURNAL and collects their subscription (they have already made their annual assessment on a previous visit). This scheme appears to work and some are drifting back to meetings, anyway we have high hopes.

In order to do this we require more JOURNALS, so will you please send *ten* more for this month and *sixteen* each month thereafter.

BILL BROWN.
Gt. Saughall, Chester.

Film Units

AS author of the article on Toc H Film units may I point out to R. Garbett that it was not written for the JOURNAL but was a general survey reprinted from *Film User*.

The late Hugh Maynard of Mill Hill compiled an excellent typed guide to how to form a Toc H Film Unit. My own copy was lost by a borrower but no doubt one has survived somewhere.

If sufficient units showed interest, perhaps the guide could be revised and brought up-to-date by a unit member and published either in the JOURNAL or as a separate pamphlet by Headquarters.

BILL BIRD.
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Needy People

A LADY interested in an old couple our Branch has helped, sent us £5 to spend on fuel for old and needy people. We then wrote the Editor of our local rag asking if anyone else would like to join in and as a result we have had £30. There may yet be a few more dribbles to come in from boxes local shops have put on their counters for us.

Our visiting list is now so extended we are looking round for a few well-wishers to help to keep the visits regular.

G. WILSON.
Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

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